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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An aseptic package enclosing a medicated intravaginal ring, the package having an exterior side and an interior side and comprising a laminate and a reclosable strip for reclosing the package after opening, the laminate consisting of from the interior side to the exterior side a layer of sealable material, a barrier layer and a damage protective layer, and the reclosable strip comprising a strip of ~~polymeric material~~ a low-density polyethylene or a high-density polyethylene, and wherein the package prevents the active substances present in the ring from leaking to the environment.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the sealable material is a heat-sealable polymer.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is a metal foil.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The package according to claim 2, wherein the heat-sealable polymer is polyethylene, the barrier layer is aluminum foil, and the damage protective layer is a polyester film.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for the aseptic packaging of a medicated intravaginal ring comprising placing the ring into a sachet consisting of a polyethylene-aluminum

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foil laminate, and a polyester outer layer and ~~further consisting of~~ a plastic rib-and-groove reclosing means comprising a low-density polyethylene or a high-density polyethylene thereby preventing the active substances present in the intravaginal ring from leaking to the environment.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, consisting of a low density polyethylene inner layer of 35-45 μm , an aluminum foil barrier layer of 8-10 μm , and a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) protective outer layer of 10-14 μm .

Claim 7 (previously presented): The package according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable strip comprises a rib-and-groove reclosing means.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The package of claim 1, wherein the package further prevents influence of the environment on the ring.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method of claim 5, whereby influence of the environment on the ring is also prevented.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method to prevent the active substances present in a medicated intravaginal ring from leaking to the environment which comprises packaging the ring into a sachet consisting of a polyethylene-aluminum foil laminate, and a polyester outer layer and ~~further consisting of~~ a plastic rib-and-groove reclosing means comprising a low-density polyethylene or a high-density polyethylene thereby preventing the active substances in the intravaginal ring from leaking to the environment.